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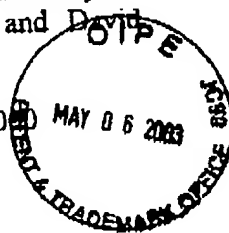
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Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application is:

- ☐ A Preliminary Amendment.
- ☒ An Amendment Responsive to the Office Action Dated December 2, 2002.
- ☐ An Amendment Supplemental to the Paper filed
- ☐ Other:

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- ☐ Applicant(s) has previously claimed small entity status under 37 CFR § 1.27.
- ☐ Applicant(s) by its/their undersigned attorney, claims small entity status under 37 CFR § 1.27 as:
 - ☐ an Independent Inventor
 - ☐ a Small Business Concern
 - ☐ a Nonprofit Organization
- ☐ This application is no longer entitled to small entity status. It is requested that this be noted in the files of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.
- ☐ Loss of Entitlement Enclosed
- ☐ Substitute Pages of the Specification are enclosed.
- ☐ An Abstract is enclosed.
- ☐ Sheets of Proposed Corrected Drawings are enclosed.
- ☐ A Certified Copy of each of the following applications: is enclosed.
- ☐ An Associate Power of Attorney is enclosed.
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement.
 - ☐ Attached Form 1449.
 - ☐ A copy of each reference as listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 is enclosed herewith.
- ☐ Appended Material as follows:
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- ☒ Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) (fees: 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(1)-(4) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of December 2, 2002 to and through May 2, 2003 comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of two (2) month(s).
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby requested to grant an extension of time for the appropriate length of time, should one be necessary, in connection with this filing or any future filing submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the above-identified application during the pendency of this application. The Commissioner is further authorized to charge any fees related to any such extension of time to Deposit Account 23-3050. This sheet is provided in duplicate.
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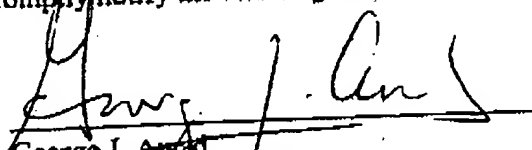
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- ☒ Any additional filing fees required, including fees for the presentation of extra claims under 37 CFR § 1.16.
- ☒ Any additional patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 or 1.20(d).

SHOULD ANY DEFICIENCIES APPEAR with respect to this application, including deficiencies in payment of fees, missing parts of the application or otherwise, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is respectfully requested to promptly notify the undersigned.

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